

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on Page 28, line 25 with the following amended paragraph:

~~In similar~~ Similar to the pig-tail type optical module in which the external cord fiber 20 is connected to the leading fiber 13 lead out from the package 12 in the above-described manufacturing process, a receptacle type optical module is well known. In this receptacle type optical module, an optical fiber is detachable from a main body of the optical module. In detail, the receptacle type optical module has both a ferrule fixing the optical fiber and a receptacle fitted to the ferrule. In the receptacle, an optical element is arranged, and a laser beam radiated from the optical element is coupled to the optical fiber attached to the ferrule. However, because the optical fiber is not directly attached to the receptacle having the optical element, it is difficult to focus the laser beam radiated from the optical element on an end face of the optical fiber (hereinafter, this focusing is called core alignment). Therefore, the laser coupling performance in the receptacle type optical module is inferior to that in the pig-tail type optical module.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 32, line 16 with the following amended paragraph:

In the first embodiment, the holding element 16 and the package 12 are separately formed. However, in a second embodiment, as shown in Fig. 15, it is applicable that the

package 12 having a protrusive portion ~~12a~~ 12b be formed in place of the combination of the package 12 and the holding element 16 placed on an outside surface of the package 12. In this case, the leading fiber 13 is inserted into the protrusive portion ~~12a~~ 12b of the package 12. Therefore, it is not required to arrange the fixing member 17 or the supporting stand 18. Accordingly, the manufacturing process of the pig-tail type optical module can be shortened.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 35, line 8 with the following amended paragraph:

In the first embodiment, the holding element 16 is put into the U-shaped hole 17a of the fixing member 17 to support the holding element 16 with the fixing member 17. However, in a seventh embodiment, the fixing member 17 comprises a lower portion ~~17a~~ 17c and an upper portion 17b, and each of the portions ~~17a~~ 17c and 17b has a V-shaped groove. The holding element 16 is placed in the V-shaped grooves between the portions ~~17a~~ 17c and 17b to support the holding element 16 with the fixing member 17.